



Connecting Research to Practice: Addressing Student Achievement Gaps

November 5, 2010

**Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare Hotel & Conference Center
5440 North River Road
Rosemont, Illinois**

Agenda

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| 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. | Registration |
| 12:15–12:30 p.m. | Welcome and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Representative, REL Midwest at Learning Point Associates▪ <i>REL Midwest will provide an introduction to the speaker and give a brief overview of IES, the Regional Educational Laboratory System as well as an overview of federally funded research related to achievement gaps.</i> |
| 12:30–1:30 p.m. | Framing the Conversation: Research-Based Recommendations for Addressing Achievement Gaps <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Keynote Presenter: Mark Berends, Ph.D.▪ <i>Dr. Berends will present research on the data trends related to achievement gaps in the Midwest region (particularly racial-ethnic gaps), the research on the relationship between school and district characteristics and achievement gaps, and practices that may be implemented to address achievement gaps.</i> |
| 1:30–1:45 p.m. | Break |
| 1:45–2:30 p.m. | Panel Reactions to Dr. Mark Berends's Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Panelists: <i>To be determined</i> |

- *The panel of three will include state- and district-level practitioners from Midwest region states. Each member will react to the presentation for approximately 10 minutes with an additional 15 minutes for questions and comments from the audience.*

2:30–2:45 p.m.

Reflections and Connections

- *REL Midwest staff will facilitate small group discussions of the research and resources that were presented to help the participants reflect on the presentations and process the application of the research that was presented to their school, district, regional, or state context. Guided questions might include:*
 - *What are three useful take-aways or highlights from today's presentations that can assist in your work?*
 - *What roadblocks might you face and how might you surmount these obstacles?*
 - *What is one way that you will apply what you have learned today to address achievement gaps in your school, district, region, or state?*

2:45–3:00 p.m.

Sharing Connections and Concluding Remarks

- Dr. Mark Berends
 - *Dr. Berends will highlight themes from the day, respond to questions from the audience, and offer concluding remarks.*